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School Safety Planning Survey

Audience: Principals

Deadline: August 15, 2014

In an effort to better understand the school safety planning work that continues to be done across the state, please consider taking this survey in order to provide critical information that will guide future school crisis planning and training initiatives. The survey will take fifteen minutes to complete, and is being administered by Margolis Healy, LLC in partnership with the Vermont Agency of Education. Please make every effort to respond no later than Friday August 15th, 2014. Click [here](#) for the survey.

2014-15 Fuel Up Breakfast Grant

Deadline: August 29, 2014

Audience: Principals, Food Service Providers, School Wellness Coordinators

The Fuel Up Breakfast Grant program is sponsored by General Mills Foodservice as part of a partnership effort with National Dairy Council® to help improve student access to high-quality, nutritious foods at schools. Beginning July 16th, schools may apply for a grant to improve or expand their breakfast program with an emphasis on alternative breakfast options that are sustainable. To learn more about eligibility criteria plus guidelines and to apply, click [here](#).

Contact: Jill Goodroe, New England Dairy and Food Council, 802-863-5416 or jgoodroe@newenglanddairy.com

Education Minute Video: Spotlight on CTE in Vermont

Audience: All

The AOE partners with [RETN](#) to produce our TV show, [Education – Join the Conversation](#). This one-minute video spotlights Career & Technical Education (CTE) at North Country Career Center. [Click here](#) to watch the video, [click here](#) to learn more about our TV show and [click here](#) to learn more about CTE.

Contact: Peter Drescher, Education Technology Coordinator, 802-479-1169 or peter.drescher@state.vt.us

Implementing a High Functioning Multi-tiered System of Supports for all Students with Dr. Stevan Kukic, former Director of School Transformation at NCLD

Audience: Principals, Curriculum Leaders, Classroom, Special Education, Related Services Educators, Superintendents, Special Education Administrators

This event will be held on September 23 in Colchester, VT and on September 24 in Killington, VT. This event is for all educators interested in creating and sustaining an inventive and accountable MTSS system. To learn more and register click here: <http://goo.gl/TTFoCj>.

Contact: Jo-Anne Unruh, VT Council of Special Education Administrators, 802-595-5799 or junruh@vcsea.net

Universal Design for Learning (UDL): Meeting the Challenge of Individual Differences with Dr. David Rose, founder of UDL

Audience: Principals, Curriculum Leaders, Classroom, Special Education, Related Services Educators, Superintendents, Special Education Administrators

This event will be held on November 20 & 21 at the Equinox in Manchester, VT. This event is for all educators interested in meeting the needs of diverse learners in a planned and comprehensive way. To learn more and register click here: <http://goo.gl/TTFoCj>.

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Common Core State Standards (CCSS) Resources

Audience: All



Check out our Common Core page: <http://bit.ly/1m9D7b4>; resources are added regularly. [Click here](#) to learn more about CCSS ELA and [click here](#) to learn more about CCSS Mathematics.

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Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS): FAQ

Audience: All

What is Science and Engineering Practice #6: Mathematics and Computational Thinking? [Click here](#) to see the answer. [Click here](#) to access the science standards.

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Smarter Balanced Assessment: FAQ

Audience: All

Are sample Smarter Balanced assessment questions available? [Click here](#) to read the answer. Read past FAQs here: <http://education.vermont.gov/sbac/frequently-asked-questions>.

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Audience: All

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AOE Communication

Audience: All

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